

(323) 881-2401

March 6, 2003

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
500 W. Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

2003 BRUSH CLEARANCE REFEREE'S HEARING REPORT

As authorized by the Los Angeles County Fire Code and approved by your Board, public hearings were conducted by the Assistant Chief, Brush Clearance Section, County of Los Angeles Fire Department, acting as Referee, to receive protests against the County of Los Angeles Fire Department's 2003 order to abate hazardous brush, dry grass, weeds, combustible growth or flammable vegetation to include native and ornamental vegetation. As stated in the legal notice sent to each owner of record, the hearings were held at 9:30 A.M., in the offices of the Department of Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures, at 12300 Lower Azusa Road, Arcadia, California, on February 18, 2003; and at 335 A East Avenue K-6, Lancaster, California, on February 19, 2003.

Five improved property owners attended the public hearings. Each property owner received individual consultation from Fire Department personnel. Appropriate action was taken whenever necessary in addressing each of the inquiries. We are not aware of any individual that wishes to present objections to your Board at this time.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
March 6, 2003
Page 2

IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Accept this hearing report.
2. Order the County of Los Angeles Fire Department to enforce the removal of hazardous brush, dry grass, weeds, combustible growth or flammable vegetation to include native and ornamental vegetation on improved properties.

Very truly yours,

P. MICHAEL FREEMAN

PMF:jt

Attachment

c: Louisa Ollague
Randi Tahara
Joseph Charney
Matt Knabe
Jennifer Weston Plaisted

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
)
)
)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES)

JOHN R. TODD, ASSISTANT CHIEF, FORESTRY, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT, being duly sworn says: That on or before the 3rd of February, 2003, he mailed, or caused to be mailed, 37,142 "Annual Brush Clearance Notices" to the owners of each of the properties described in the Declaration List, as their names and residential addresses and a description of the property in question appear from the last equalized assessment roll, or as known to the clerk, a notice or notices to destroy hazardous brush, dry grass, weeds, combustible growth or flammable vegetation to include native and ornamental vegetation, of which the annexed is a true copy, and setting the 18th and 19th day of February, 2003, as the dates upon which owners of said property could attend a hearing of the brush clearance referee, when their objections will be heard and given due consideration.

I have personal knowledge of the foregoing, and if called upon could competently testify thereto.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

John R. Todd, Assistant Chief, Forestry

WITNESSED BY:

This _____ day of _____, 2003.

Lillian V. Cusick, Senior Secretary III